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CUSTOM-HOUSE, LONDON,  
9th March, 1798.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Collector and Comptroller at one of the ports of the West Indies, having, on the nomination of a person by His Excellency the Governor of their Island to act as a Waiter and Searcher during a vacancy, required that such person should be instructed in that Office, previous to his admission thereto, under our general Order of the 28th November, 1793:

We think it proper to acquaint you, for your information and government, in cases of a similar nature that may happen at your port, that our said general Order only extended to Officers nominated by Warrant from the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and appointed by Commission from this Board, to permanent employments: And that we are of opinion, it would be unreasonable to extend the same to persons nominated by Governors to fill up temporary vacancies.

But as it would be desirable, for the safety and general benefit of the Revenue, that persons so nominated should be conversant with the business they are to perform, we direct you, on any vacancy of an office under this Revenue, to request His Excellency the Governor of your *Province*

*Duplicatio* to select (when practicable) such person to officiate therein, as may have acted as an Officer before, and has conducted himself properly, and is qualified for such employment.

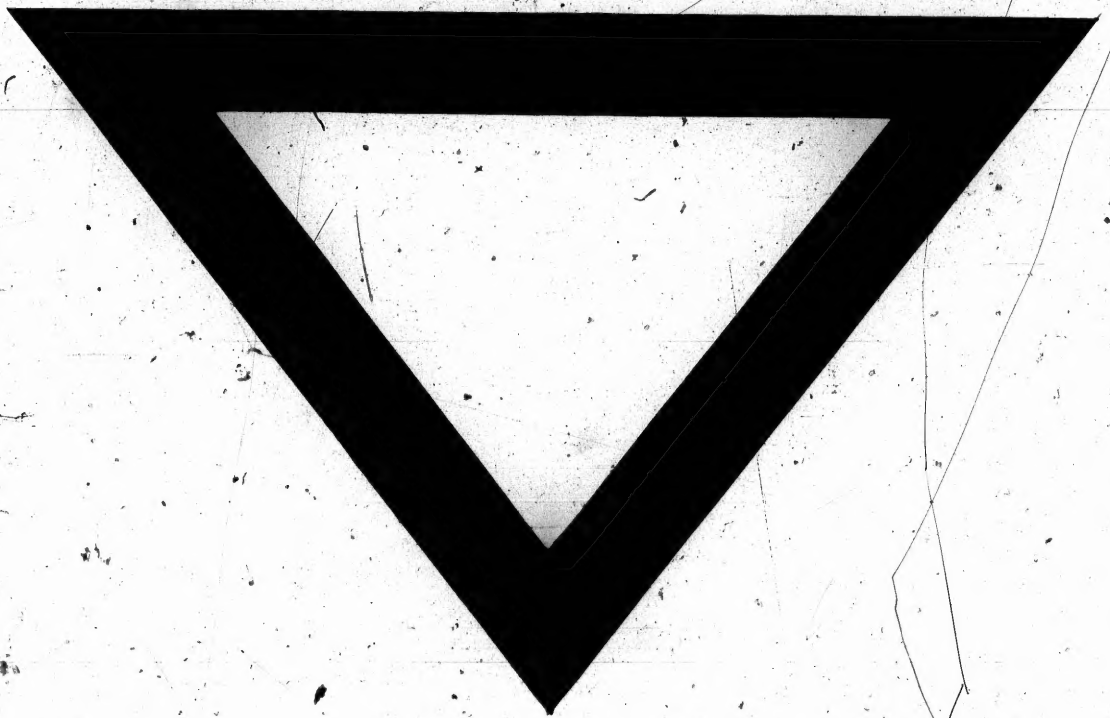
*W. Hyatt*  
*Stokes*

*Mr. Carr*  
*Mr. Roe*

COLLECTOR AND COMPTROLLER

*Zoube*







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